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NOMINATION FOR FY-77 PARTIAL IV GRANT

REF : FY-77 CPP (PROJECT E-7)

1. POST NOMINATES MR. S.B. BANKOLE, INFORMATION OFFICER, UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS(UNILAG) FOR 30-DAY PARTIAL IV GRANT. NOMINEE WILL BE VISITING U.K. SEPTEMBER 20 TO OCTOBER 16 AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO BEGIN U.S. PROGRAM OCTOBER 18, 1976. TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO AND FROM U.S. WILL BE BORN BY UNILAG.

2. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME : MR. SAMUEL BODUNDE BANKOLE

PRESENT POSITION: INFORMATION OFFICER, UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, YABA

PAST POSITIONS : NEWS REPORTER/SUB EDITOR, NBC, IBADAN, DEC. 1964/SEPT. 1966;  
SENIOR SUB EDITOR, NBC, LAGOS JUNE 1969/  
SEPT. 1971;  
CURRENT AFFAIRS WRITER/PRODUCER, NBC, LAGOS,  
1971/72;  
SENIOR CURRENT AFFAIRS WRITER/PRODUCER, NBC, LAGOS,  
1972/SEPT. 1973;  
CURRENT AFFAIRS EDITOR, NBC, LAGOS 1974/75

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DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 15 AUG 2013]; ISAN-EKITI, ONDO STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP : NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS.

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE US : NIL

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: U.K. FEB-MAY, 1972

PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NIL

VISA ELIGIBILITY : NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE.

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: NOMINEE IS YOUNG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

OFFICER FOR GROWING INSTITUTION WITH

STRONG BACKGROUND IN INFORMATION/PRESS WORK BUT LESS EXPERIENCE  
IN HIS PRESENT FIELD ESPECIALLY ASPECTS OF PROTOCOL AND EXTERNAL  
RELATIONS.

HE IS ANXIOUS TO GAIN EXPOSURE OF U.S. TECHNIQUES IN PUBLIC  
RELATIONS IN GENERAL AS WELL AS IN UNIVERSITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN  
PARTICULAR. AT THE SAME TIME, HE WOULD DERIVE A GREATER APPRECIATION  
FOR U.S. SOCIETY AND BE IN A POSITION REFLECT AND SHARE WITH A  
LARGER CIRCLE OF INDIVIDUALS THE IMPRESSIONS GAINED.

OBJECTIVES OF US VISIT: GRANT WOULD SUPPORT CPP OBJECTIVE III  
AND COMPLEMENT OTHER EXCHANGE PROJECTS

IN INFORMATION AND CULTURAL(EDUCATIONAL) SECTORS. NEW INSTITUTIONAL  
LINKAGES MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED BY THE CONTACT THAT WOULD BE MADE IN  
THE COURSE OF THE GRANT AND FUTURE EXCHANGES MIGHT BE FACILITATED.  
BY EXPOSING THIS YOUNG PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL TO U.S. MEDIA  
AND PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK, WE WOULD GAIN A NEW INTERPRETER OF U.S.  
WHO LIKELY TO BECOME MORE INFLUENTIAL LEADER, WHETHER IN UNIVERSITY  
WORK OR ON RETURN TO JOURNALISM.

AVAILABILITY FOR US VISIT: OCTOBER 18, 1976.

2. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW IN PART II.

3. ALTERNATE: MR. CLEMENT ISAIAH

CHIEF SUB-EDITOR

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4. ADVISE ASAP.

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